

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Roberds et al.

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Dear Sir:

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COMMUNICATION

In response to the Office Action of January 29, 2003 (Paper No. 18) and further to the "Amendment and Request for Reconsideration" filed July 29, 2003, Applicants attach hereto a copy of an Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

In the Office Action of January 29, 2003, the Office alleged that the Declaration on file was defective because it did not identify the citizenship of inventor Roberds. On reviewing the application, Applicants' undersigned representative noticed that when the Declaration was filed, the signature sheets of the Declaration (filed March 9, 2001; copy of return postcard attached hereto) were inadvertently switched with the signature pages of the Assignment (filed June 29, 2001; recordation papers attached hereto). This is evident from a review of the respective papers. The Declaration papers, including the signature pages, bear the caption "Form 63-1" at the bottom left of each page. The Assignment papers, including the signature pages, bear the caption "Form 30" at the bottom left of each page. Applicants further note that the signature pages of the

Declaration includes the citizenship of inventor Steven L. Roberds; as set forth on page 3 of the Declaration, Mr. Roberts is a United States citizen.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the attached Declaration. Applicants will file a corrected Assignment under separate cover.

Change of Correspondence Address

Although Applicants note that the attached Declaration directs correspondence to the undersigned at "One Liberty Place- 46 Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103", Applicants respectfully request that this correspondence address be updated. As set forth on the attached "Change of Correspondence Address" form SB-122, Applicants respectfully request that all future correspondence related to this application be directed to:

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Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

"Change of Correspondence Address" form SB-122

Copy of return postcard for original filing of Executed Declaration

Copy of Recordation of Assignment papers